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SUBJECT: VORSTER-MANGOPE NEGOTIATIONS OVER BOPHUTHATSWANA
LAND AND CITIZENSHIP ISSUES

REF: PRETORIA 2711

1. SUMMARY: BOPHUTHATSWANA CHIEF MINISTER MANGOPE AND
S.A. PRIME MINISTER VORSTER FAILED TO REACH AGREEMENT
ON CITIZENSHIP AND LAND CONSOLIDATION ISSUES DURING
JUNE 27 NEGOTIATIONS IN PRETORIA AND HAVE COMMISSIONED
STUDY OF ISSUES BY LEGAL ADVISERS BEFORE CONTINUING
DISCUSSIONS. END SUMMARY.

2. BOPHUTHATSWANA CHIEF MINISTER LUCAS MONGOPE
AND S.A. PRIME MINISTER JOHN VORSTER MET FOR
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THREE HOURS JUNE 27 TO DISCUSS CITIZENSHIP AND LAND
CONSOLIDATION ISSUES WHICH HAVE SLOWED PROGRESS
TOWARD BOPHUTHATSWANA "INDEPENDENCE." TALKS, WHICH
WERE PROMPTED BY MANGOPE'S MAY 25 LETTER REJECTING
PLANNED CONSOLIDATION AND CITIZENSHIP CLAUSE OF
BOPHUTHATSWANA INDEPENDENCE BILL (REFTEL),
REPORTEDLY ENDED IN DEADLOCK WHEN BOTH SIDES

REFUSED TO COMPROMISE.

3. SAG'S POSITION IS THAT INDEPENDENCE ACT, WHICH STATES THAT ALL PERSONS WHO BECOME BOPHUTHATSWANA CITIZENS CEASE TO BE SOUTH AFRICAN CITIZENS AND THAT THEY MAY RENOUNCE BOPHUTHATSWANA CITIZENSHIP AFTER INDEPENDENCE ONLY ON CONDITIONS AGREED TO BY BOTH COUNTRIES, HAS ALREADY BEEN ACCEPTED BY BOPHUTHATSWANA AND PASSED BY PARLIAMENT AND CANNOT BE AMENDED.

4. BOPHUTHATSWANA POSITION IS THAT ACT WOULD CREATE STATELESS PERSONS WHO SHOULD BE PERMITTED TO RETAIN SOUTH AFRICAN CITIZENSHIP. MANGOPE HAS ALSO PROTESTED THAT PLANNED EXCISION OF "WHITE AREAS" FROM HOMELAND IS UNREALISTIC AND UNACCEPTABLE.

5. IN A JOINT STATEMENT FOLLOWING MEETING, BOTH SIDES AGREED TO TURN LEGAL ISSUES OVER TO LEGAL ADVISERS FROM BOTH GOVERNMENTS. UPON RECEIPT OF THE LATTER'S REPORT, THE STATEMENT CONTINUED, "THIS MATTER WILL AGAIN BE DISCUSSED BY THE TWO GOVERNMENTS." NO TIMETABLE FOR THE NEXT ROUND OF TALKS WAS MENTIONED. BOWDLER

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